Bruce Springsteen

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*"I am not a music critic, nor historian, nor archivist. I cannot tell you where Bruce Springsteen falls in the pantheon of the American songbook. I cannot illuminate the context of his work, or its roots in the folk and oral history traditions of our great nation. But I am from* [*New Jersey*](http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/Joisey)*. So I can tell you what I believe. And what I believe is that* [*Bob Dylan*](http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/BobDylan) *and* [*James Brown*](http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/JamesBrown) *had a baby. And they abandoned this child, as you can imagine at the time...*[*interracial, same sex relationships being what they were*](http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/SidetrackedByTheAnalogy)*... they abandoned this baby by the side of the road between the exit interchanges 8A and 9 on the Jersey Turnpike... that child was Bruce Springsteen..."*

—[**Jon Stewart**](http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/TheDailyShow), presenting Bruce Springsteen at the 2009 Kennedy Center Honors